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DELAWARE COUNTY OFFICIAL CONVICTED ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

COLUMBUS - J. Timothy Halter, age 65, of 6391 Sherman Road, Galena, Ohio, was convicted here today by a federal jury of one count of possessing images that show a minor involved in sexually explicit conduct.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation Cincinnati Field Division, and Genoa Township Police Chief Robert Taylor announced the verdict returned today before United States District Court Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr.

After a seven day trial, the jury found that on November 9, 1999, Halter possessed 52 computer graphic files that contained images of child pornography.

Halter was a former township trustee in Berlin Township.

Halter faces up to five years imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Judge Sargus will set sentencing for a later date.

"People who possess images of children being sexually abused are themselves participating in the abuse of children everywhere. Federal law enforcement will aggressively prosecute not only the manufacturers and distributors of child pornography, but also those possessors who are the consumers of child pornography," Lockhart said.

Lockhart commended the FBI, Department of Justice Trial Attorney Alexandra Gelber with the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah A. Solove.

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